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SUBJECT: CHINESE NORTH KOREAN REACTION TO JAPAN-
ROK CONTINENTAL SHELF JOINT OFFSHORE
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS

SUMMARY: NORTH KOREAN NEWSPAPER DECLARES AGREEMENTS
"NULL AND VOID." REPUBLIC OF CHINA GIVES INFORMAL
NOTICE THAT JOINT DEVELOPMENT ZONE OVERLAPS ITS SEABED
AREA. NO COMMENT FROM PEKING. END SUMMARY

1. LONG AND VEHEMNET BLAST ON JANUARY 31 BY PYONGYANG'S
NODONG SINMUN DECLARING AGREEMENTS AS "NULL AND VOID ---
CRIMINAL TREACHEROUS DOCUMENTS" BY WHICH " PAK CHONG
HUI CLIQUE, THE TRAITORS, SOLD OFF THE UNNEGOTIABLE
SACRED NATIONAL INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRY TO THE JAPANESE
MILITARISTS" IS REGARDED BY ROKG FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIALS WHO NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS AS MERELY DE
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OF THE 14-PARAGRAPH COMMENTARY LACKS THE RICH AND

FLAVORFUL DEPRECATORY VOCABULARY OF THE OTHERS, BUT DOES SUM UP THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION ON KOREAN SEABED RESOURCES. IT SAYS:

"THE OIL AND OTHER RICH SEABED RESOURCES IN THE VAST SOUTH AND WEST SEAS OF OUR COUNTRY ARE A PRECIOUS WEALTH FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE KOREAN PEOPLE AND THE PROSPERITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION. THE QUESTION OF THE SEABED RESOURCES, THEREFORE, IS A MATTER PERTAINING TO THE NATIONAL INTERESTS AND SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR PEOPLE AND NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO DEAL WITH IT AGAINST THE INTERESTS AND WILL OF THE ENTIRE KOREAN PEOPLE. NEVERTHELESS, THE PAK CHONG-HUI CLIQUE OF TRAITORS HAVE ALREADY LEFT THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE SOUTH AND WEST SEAS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE US AND BRITISH IMPERIALIST MONOPOLES TO GRATIFY THEIR GREED FOR POWER AND SEEK THEIR OWN PERSONAL LUXURY AND GLORY AND RECENTLY TRADED OFF WITHOUT HESITATION EVEN THE 'RIGHT TO EXPLOIT THE CONTINENTAL SHELF' IN THE SOUTH SEA TO THE JAPANESE MILITARISTS." FULL TEXT IS IN FBIS OKINAWA 317445Z JANUARY .

2. ROKG FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMMENTED TO VISITING PARTY OF KOREAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN THAT SOUTHERN PART OF JOINT DEVELOPMENT ZONE OVERLAPS SHELF RESOURCES "UNDER ROC CONTROL." MOFA INTERPRETS THIS AS INFORMAL REMINDER THAT ROC HAS STATED A CLAIM IN THIS AREA; MOFA PROBABLY WILL NOT REACT UNLESS ROC PURSUES MATTER FORMALLY.

3. SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO KNOWN REACTION FROM PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
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